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GROW MORE FOOD - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress Rep June 1948 - Review - Recorded.

Despatch Abstract.]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject:

GROW MORE FOOD - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress report for June 1948 - Reviewed.

Res. Rt.No. 6810.

Station: Madras. Dated 18th October 1948.

From

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Special Officer for Wells.

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Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise & Prohibition.

Read the following:-

Report from the Collectors.

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RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government a consolidated review of the reports on the progress made in the construction of well works subsidised under the various schemes during June 1948.

2. The progress reports were due to the Board from the Collectors on 10-7-48 only the Collectors of the districts noted in the margin* submitted the reports on all the schemes in time. The delay in the submission of the other reports ranged from 2 to 41 days. Inspite of 3 reminders, the Collector of Nellore has not submitted his reports on the new Well Subsidy Scheme for 1947-48 and 1948-49 separately.

3. In spite of repeated adverse remarks, there are long delays in the submission of the reports. It has been pointed out time and again that the purpose of the review is defeated as it is useless to review on October 1948 the situation in June as any remarks or suggestions made for speeding up the progress will be belated. The Collectors are therefore informed that any such avoidable delay in the submission of the reports will be viewed seriously.

4. The Board regrets to observe a number of discrepancies in the reports submitted by Collectors on various schemes in spite of repeated instructions issued by it. The discrepancies have not been explained. They have been pointed in the appendix to these proceedings. Collectors are requested to see that the returns are prepared carefully in future adopting the correct and revised figures wherever necessary and that such discrepancies are avoided.

5. A. NEW BLL SUBSIDY SCHEME 1948-49.

The following table will show the number of applications received and disposed of in the Province during the month under review:-

No. of applications received during the month.	Total No. of applications for disposal during the month.	No. of applications sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of applications rejected.	No. of wells for which subsidy was sanctioned.	Amount paid.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
21,208	62,707	688	3,55,500/-	9,620	476	2,39,350
		Tanks (new and old)				
47	852	12	5,300	14	11	5,400

The Board observes that the percentage of applications disposed of during the month is very low and that the number of applications rejected is much larger than the number in which subsidies were granted. The Board also observed that the number of cases in which subsidies have been actually paid is small when compared with that in which subsidies have been sanctioned. It fails to understand why there should be any delay in payment after sanction has been accorded as according to the rules the preliminary investigation should have been completed before the subsidies were sanctioned. Collectors are requested to see that there are no avoidable delays at any stage in the disposal of applications.

No applications have been received in the districts of the Nilgiris, Vizagapatam and Coimbatore although it is more than three months since the scheme was introduced. This is presumably due to the fact that the scheme was not properly advertised. The Collectors of the three districts are requested to give more wide publicity to the scheme and to impress on the ryots the need for the extension of irrigation and for the production of more food grains to meet the present food crisis and induce them to avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the Government.

No applications were disposed of in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna although there was a large number of applications for disposal during the month under review.

In the districts of Chittoor, Tanjore, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah and South Kanara, no subsidies have been sanctioned during the month but a large number of cases involving a large amount has been rejected. Collectors are requested to see that no deserving case is rejected on flimsy grounds.

B. NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME 1947-48: The scheme was introduced on 1-3-1947 and the last date for payment of subsidies under this scheme was 31-3-48. The progress in the working of the scheme is as shown below:-

Total No. wells for which subsidy paid.	No. of wells completed.	No. of wells in progress.	No. of wells in respect of which work has been started.	No. of wells in which recovery has been ordered.	Additional area brought under irrign. Acres.	Addl. qty. of food grains produced. Tons.
46,515*	1,899	26,687	15,123	86	1665.30	518.93

*The decrease by one in the number of wells in which subsidies

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had been paid in the present report as compared with the report for May 1948 is due to the decrease in the figures furnished by the Collector of Salem. The reasons for the decrease have not been explained. This is unsatisfactory. The total number of wells completed, those in progress, those not yet started and those in which recovery has been ordered or made, i.e. the total of columns 6(a) to 6(c) and column 11 should be equal to the total in col. 7(c) of the old form. But it is not so in respect of the reports from the Collectors of North Arcot, Chittoor, Kurnool, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Ramnad, South Arcot, and Nellore. This is presumably due to the fact that some Collectors have included both in column 11 and in column 6(c) the number of cases in which subsidies have been recovered. Such repetitions should be guarded against as it is difficult to tally the figures.

It is also observed from the reports of the Collectors of Anantapur that applications still continue to be disposed of under this scheme although they should have been taken over to the scheme for 1948-49. This is irregular.

The Board is constrained to observe that the results so far achieved under this scheme are very poor and disappoiting The time allowed for the completion of the well works expired by 30-9.48. Only 4% of the well works for which subsidies were paid had been completed by the end of June 1948. Collectors are requested to have a special drive for the compeltion of the works which are ready in progress.

C. ACCELERATED SCHEME: A statement showing the progress of works subsidised under the Accelerated Scheme is given below:-

	No.of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	No.of wells completed.	No.of wells in progress.	No.of wells not yet started, recovery ordered or subsidies written off.	Addl.area brought under irrigation. Acres.	Additional quantity of food-grains produced. (in tons)
Wells	61,609	40,925	16,090	4,594	53,200.66	24,265.50
wells	30,721	25,324	1,857	3,820	26,661.20	12,754.92

The time finally allowed for the completion of well works both new and old wells expired on 30-6-1948. The work has been completed only in 66% of the new wells and in 83% of the old well subsidised under this scheme. More than 16,000 new wells are still in progress. The net result so far achieved is not quite satisfactory in spite of the fact that several extensions of time have already been allowed for the completion of the works. The Government, however, have been addressed for the grant of further extension of time in respect of new wells where the works are in an advanced stage of progress. The Collectors are requested to warn the grantees that they would run the risk of allowing the subsidies to be recoverd unless they complete the well works quickly.

The Collectors are requested to take immediate steps to recover the subsidies granted in respect of new wells where no work had been started and in respect of old wells where the works have not been completed. The grantees have had enough time to complete the works.

D. CEDED DISTRICTS MODIFIED SCHEME:-The following statement will show the progress made in the construction of well

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works subsidised under the Ceded districts Modified Scheme;

	No.of wells for which subsidies were paid.	No. of wells com-pleted.	No. of wells in pro-gress.	No. of wells started	Additional area brought yet to be under irri-gation. Acres.	Additional quantity of foodgrains produced. (Tons)
				Additional wells recovery ordered or subsidies were written off.		
New wells	1,959	276	1,329	354	575.10	281.75
Old wells	531	255	30	246	376.00	177.00

The Board observes that in spite of several extensions of time for the completion of the wells, the progress made is very slow. Only 39 new wells and 14 old wells were completed during the month of June 1948. Out of the total number of wells subsidised under this scheme only 14% of the new wells and 45 of old wells were completed upto June 1948.

The remarks made in respect of the working of the Accelerated scheme apply with equal forde in respect of the working of this scheme also.

6. The following table will show the districts where the inspection of the wells by the R.D.Os. was neglected both during the months and upto the month.

Name of the scheme	Districts in which the R.D.Os. did not inspect any of the work during the month.	Districts in which the R.D.Os. had nc inspected any of the works upto 30-6-4
New Well Subsidy Scheme.	Kurnool, Salem.	Chittoor, Ramnad, Tanjore, Nellore, Coimbatore, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Eas Godavari and West Godavari.
Accelerated scheme.		
New Wells.	Malabar, South Arcot, Bellary & S. Kanara.	
Old wells.	Kurnool, Ramnad, Malabar, South Arcot, Bellary and East Godavari.	
Ceded Dts. Modified scheme.	Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah.	
New Wells, Old wells	Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool.	Anantapur & Kurnool. Bellary.

7. The Board has already fixed the percentage of wells to be inspected by the Special Deputy Collectors and hopes that they will keep up to the standard expected of them.

8. The New Well Subsidy Scheme for 1-8-1949 appears to be much more popular than all the previous scheme except

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in a few districts like the Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Vizagapatnam, as seen from the fact that some Collectors have already begun to apply for additional allotments even now.

9. As pointed out in the review of the reports for May, 1948 the Board expects better progress now that the Special Deputy Collectors for wells who can devote their full time for this work have joined their posts and have begun their inspections in right earnest.

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for Special Officer.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (with statem

To the Collectors of all Districts, except Madras.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board with extract of the statements for the districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary Anantapur and Kurnool.

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APPENDIX.

District.	Number of the column of the statement.	Figures furnished for the month ending 31-5-48.	Figures furnished for the month ending 30-6-48.	Difference	Remarks.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME 1948-49.			
Malabar	2(a)	Cols.2(a) plus 3(a) = 624.	618	6	Totals of cols. 2(a) plus 3(a) of the previous month figures must be equal to col.2(a) of the present month's figure.
	2(b)	Cols.2(b) plus 5(b) plus 5(c) = 63	57	6	Total of cols. 2(b) plus 5(a) plus 5(c) of th previous month figure = Total of Col.2(b) of the present month.
	2(c)	Cols.2(c) plus 3(b) = 2,91,131	2,73,13	,000	Difference not explained.
South Arcot	2(b)	Cols.2(b) plus 5(a) plus 5(c) = 180.	Nil	180	Omission not explained.
Krishna	2(c)	Cols.2(c) plus 3(b) = 3,79,160	4,64,250	,090	Increase in the amount not accounted for.
		NEW TANKS.			
Malabar	2(a)	Cols.2(a) plus 3(a) = 336.	323	13	Difference not explained.
	2(b)	Cols.2(b) plus 5(a) plus 5(c) = 40.	25	15	-do-
	2(c)	Cols.2(c) plus 3(b) = 3,16,473-8	3,90,973-8	6,500	Decrease in the amount not explained

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Malabar	2(a)	Cols.2(a) plus 3(a) = 481.	470	11	Difference not explained.
	2(b)	Cols.2(b) plus 5(a) plus 5(c) = 48.	37	11	-do-
		OLD TANKS			
Malabar	22(c)	Cols.2(c) plus 3(B) = 4,27,364.	4,21,864	5,500	Decrease in the amount not expalimd.
		NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME 1947-48.			
Salem	6(c)	4,291	4,290	1	Difference not explained.
Ramnad	7(d)	13,24,550	18,36,775	200	-do-
Salem	7(d)	13,24,550	13,24,250	300	-do-
	11	35	Nil	35	Omission not explained.
	12	33	Nil.	33	-do-
South Arcot	12	185.00	125.00	0.00	Decrease not explained.
Salem.	12	32	Nil.	32	Omission not explained.
	13	9.25	Nil.	9.25	Omission not explained.
Bellary	14	13.70	5.00	8.70	Difference not explained.
Cuddapah	13	Nil.	286.13	286.13	Sudden rice is not explained.
	14	Nil	69.30	69.30	-do-
		NEW TANKS			
Malabar	11	6	Nil.	6	Omission not explained.
		OLD TANKS			
Malabar	14	Nil	Nil.	4	-do-
		ACCELERATED WELL SCHEME.			
		NEW WELLS			
Cuddapah	4(a)	Col.4(c) = 429	428	1	Difference not explained.
Guntur	4(a)	Col.4(c) = 353	342	11	-do-
Coimbatore	9	924	Nil	924	Omission not accounted.
Anantapur	9	339	45	294	Decreased not explained.
Bellary	10	374.46	337.46	37.00	-do-
Anantapur	10	1,660.00	80.00	1,580.00	-do-
	11	748.00	40.00	708.00	-do-
Vizagapatam	7	268	257	11	Difference not explained.
Anantapur	7	38	31	7	-do-
Coimbatore	8	22	2	20	-do-
		OLD WELLS.			
Vizagaptam	4(a) 4(c)	266	265	1	Difference not explained.
Cuddapah	4(a) 4(c)	194	191	3	Difference not explained.
Chingleput	7	175	145	30	-do-
Kurnool	7	108	105	3	-do-
Salem	7	1,050	611	439	-do-
Anantapur	7	111	107	4	-do-

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Guntur	7	39	19	20	Difference not explained.
Coimbatore	9	385	Nil	385	Omission not explained.
Cuddapah	9	26	24	2	Difference not explained.
Guntur.	9	97	Nil.	97	Omission not explained.

Ceded Districts Modified Scheme.

NEW WELLS

Anantapur	7	17		8	Variations not explained.
Kurnool	9	67	61	6	-do-
Anantapur	11	118.00	110.00	8	-do-

OLD WELLS.

Bellary	7	80	74	6	Variations not explained.
Anantapur	7	136	129	7	
Kurnool	7	35	31	4	

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for Special Officer.

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Revenue Department.

G.O.Ms.No.2853 Dated 29th November 1948.
Read the following:-

From the Board of Revenue, B.P.Rt.No.6810, dated 12-10-1948.

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(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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To the Board of Revenue, Madras.

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OFFICE ASSISTANT,
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